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TOPIC Military Activities and Shipments at Neustrelitz, Brandenburg and Rathenow

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REMARKS.

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1. At 2230 on 3 October 1955, 8 T-34/85 tanks, approximately 25 trucks, 5 radio trucks and some 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were detrained and left for the Neue Infanterie Kaserne (2221) in Neustrelitz. At 0030 on 4 October, 18 T-34/85 tanks, some 25 trucks, 2 radio trucks and approximately 200 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets were detrained for the same installation. At 0300, a column of 12 T-34/85 tanks, some 30 trucks, 4 radio trucks and approximately 150 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets turned off toward Adamsdorf from Penzliner Chaussee. Prior to 6 October, the Alte Grenadier Kaserne (2225) and the restricted area on Gerhard Hauptmann Strasse were occupied to capacity. ¹
1. During the night of 1/2 October, a shipment with 12 rocket launchers of a new type, 20 trucks, 3 field kitchens and 12 boxcars with some 240 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. The train which came from a northerly direction and proceeded to the Halle area, was followed by a second shipment of 36 rocket launchers of a new type. ²
3. following shipments from Brandenburg to Falkenberg:

5 converted boxcars, 15 boxcars and 34 flatcars on 4 October and 10 converted boxcars, 22 boxcars and 29 flatcars on 6 October. ³
4. At 1500 on 1 October, 8 rocket launchers, presumably M-31s, some 40 trucks and 200 to 250 soldiers who carried full field equipment were entrained at the Nordbahnhof in Rathenow. The unit had come from the Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) in Rathenow. ²
5. At 2000 on 1 October, 10 boxcarloads of billeting equipment were unloaded at the Rathenow Nordbahnhof and were shipped to the Ziethen Kaserne (5444) by truck. ⁴

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1. Comment. Tank units of the 9th Gds Tank Div returned on 3 and 4 October, possibly from the Speck-Granzin training area. Another tank unit apparently transferred to this area for exercises at the same time. 25X1

2. Comment. These were large elements of the 25th Gds RL Brig which were transferred in 3 shipments from Rathenow to Triptis in the area of the Eighth Gds Army. in order to participate in exercises of this army. 25X1

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3. Comment. These were possibly units of the 124th HV How Arty Brig which transferred to the RBD Cottbus in order to 25X1

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4. Comment. The unloadings tend to indicate that the artillery headquarters stationed in the Ziethen Kaserne will return soon. 25X1

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